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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 09/816,220 :  
FILED: MARCH 26, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2622  
FOR: METHOD, APPARATUS AND :  
COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR  
INITIALIZING IMAGE PROCESSING  
APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.